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THE SEARCHING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the enclosed literal English language translation for this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 10, 11, 14 and 17 as follows:

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 9".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or 9".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 13".

Claim 17, line 1, delete "or 16".